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SUBJECT: AFRICAN FORCE IN SHABA

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1. FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR OF WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN AFFAIRS VESTRING TOLD US TODAY THE FRG WOULD MOST LIKELY ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER 18-19 MEETING IN PARIS THOUGH SENIOR LEVELS HAD NOT YET FOCUSED ON THE FRENCH INVITATION. VESTRING HOPED TO GIVE THE FRENCH A DEFINITIVE REPLY IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. VESTRING THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT HE WOULD HEAD THE FRG DELEGATION.

2. VESTRING CONCURRED IN THE NEED FOR A BROAD DISCUSSION OF THE SHABA SECURITY SITUATION AND QUESTIONS
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CONCERNING THE PAN AFRICAN FORCE. AT THE SAME TIME, HE THOUGHT IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE MEETING, SHOULD IT BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, BE BILLED AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE JUNE 5 PARIS MEETING. THIS WOULD GIVE THE PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF A SESSION DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND AVOID FOCUSING ATTENTION ON THE MORE DELICATE SUBJECT OF THE PAN AFRICAN FORCE.

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3. AS HAD GEORGY (REF B), VESTRING EXPRESSED MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE TERM "PAN AFRICAN FORCE." HE NOTED THAT TROOP CONTINGENTS HAD BEEN INVITED TO ZAIRE BILATERALLY AND SUGGESTED THAT WE REFER TO THEM AS AFRICAN FORCES IN SHABA.
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